

**HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2002**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mae Cash, Joseph Hulwi, Judith Kulpa, William Starke, Michael Thelen

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Steven Harvey, MD, Gerard Kupperman, Raymond Rattner

**STAFF PRESENT:** Deanna Zychowski, Bureau Director, Ruby Jefferson-Moore, Legal Counsel, Karen Rude-Evans, Program Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Joseph Hulwi called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Amendments: -Presentation of proposed administrative warning  
-Correspondence from James Bohren relating to cerumen management

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by Judith Kulpa, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Joseph Hulwi nominated Gerard Kupperman for Chair. No further nominations were made.

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by William Starke, to elect Gerard Kupperman as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Thelen nominated Joseph Hulwi for Vice Chair. No further nominations were made.

**MOTION:** Judith Kulpa moved, seconded by Michael Thelen, to elect Joseph Hulwi as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph Hulwi nominated Michael Thelen for Secretary. No further nominations were made.

**MOTION:** William Starke moved, seconded by Judith Kulpa, to elect Michael Thelen as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2001**

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by William Starke, to approve the Minutes of December 3, 2001 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2002 TELECONFERENCE**

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by William Starke, to approve the Minutes of the January 11, 2002 Teleconference as written. Motion carried unanimously.

## **PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE WARNING**

### **PAULA HOFFMAN**

DOE attorney Steve Gloe presented a proposed administrative warning in the matter concerning Paula Hoffman. This matter will be deliberated on in closed session.

## **SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

These reports were informational.

### **SECRETARY OSCAR HERRERA**

Secretary Herrera spoke to the Board about the reorganization of the Department, and introduced Lori Huntoon, the Administrator for the Division of Professional Credentialing. Secretary Herrera said nine vacant positions in the Department will remain open in an effort to meet budget cuts.

## **CORRESPONDENCE FROM WISCONSIN ALLIANCE OF HEARING PROFESSIONALS RELATING TO USE OF OTC EARWAX REMOVAL PRODUCTS**

The Board reviewed correspondence from both James Bohren and the Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals relating to the use of OTC earwax removal products. James Ogurek also appeared and addressed this issue with the Board.

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by William Starke, to table this discussion until more information is available from other states on this issue and until more Board members are present. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED SCOPE STATEMENT FOR HAS 6**

This item was tabled until the next meeting when Gerard Kupperman is available.

## **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO START PROGRAM IN WISCONSIN FOR STUTTERERS**

The Board reviewed the correspondence and information from Brandon Schultz relating to starting a McGuire Program for Stutterers in Wisconsin, and the letter of support from Lisa LaSalle, Associate Professor, Department of Communications Disorders, U.W. Eau Claire. The Board would consider approval if Ms. LaSalle is willing to supervise. Legal counsel will correspond with Ms. LaSalle. This will be looked at again after Ms. LaSalle responds.

## **REVIEW OF COVENANT REHABILITATION SERVICES CE COURSE**

**MOTION:** Judith Kulpa moved, seconded by Michael Thelen, to approve the CE course “The Aging Swallow and Other Highlights From The 2001 Dysphagia Research Society Annual Meeting” being offered by Covenant Rehabilitation Services on May 30, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

## **REVIEW OF AVADA HEARING CARE CE COURSE**

The Board reviewed the request from Tom Thompson, Avada Hearing Care, for retroactive approval of CE for a conference held October 2001. Mr. Thompson stated, “the course was approved by HIS for 17 hours,” however the Board said he may have meant IHS rather than HIS.

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by William Starke, to request clarification from Tom Thompson regarding the entity that approved the conference for CE hours. If the course was approved by IHS, then it is acceptable for CE. Motion carried unanimously.

## **REVIEW OF SPOKANE FALLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE CE COURSES FOR AAS DEGREE**

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by Judith Kulpa, to inform Catherine Roberts-Graves that the request for approval of CE must be made by the course sponsor and not come from a student. Motion carried unanimously.

## **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Judith Kulpa moved, seconded by Joseph Hulwi, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of reviewing an application, reviewing a form per Board Order, deliberation of proposed administrative warnings, reviewing case status report and discussion of examination issues and results. Roll call vote: Mae Cash – yes, Joseph Hulwi – yes, Judith Kulpa – yes, Bill Starke – yes, Michael Thelen - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 3:38 p.m.

## **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by William Starke, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 4:27 p.m.

## **VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION**

### **APPLICATION REVIEW**

#### **THOMAS J VIERLING**

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by Judith Kulpa, to approve the application and grant a Hearing Instrument Specialist license to Thomas J. Vierling. Motion carried unanimously.

### **REVIEW OF FORM PER BOARD ORDER**

#### **KIM KURSCHNER**

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by Judith Kulpa, to inform Kim Kurschner that he must make the corrections to the form, submit the form prior to the next Board meeting, and he must appear at the next Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE WARNINGS**

#### **GALEN W BERRY**

**MOTION:** William Starke moved, seconded by Michael Thelen, to issue an administrative warning in the matter concerning Galen W. Berry. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **VINCENZA M D'AMICO**

**MOTION:** William Starke moved, seconded by Michael Thelen, to issue an administrative warning in the matter concerning Vincenza M. D'Amico. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PAULA C HOFFMAN**

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by William Starke, to issue a Speech Language Pathologist license to Paula C. Hoffman upon receipt of the signed stipulation. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** William Starke moved, seconded by Judith Kulpa, to issue an administrative warning in the matter concerning Paula C. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **BARBARA J BACHE-WIIG**

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by William Starke, to issue an administrative warning in the matter concerning Barbara J. Bache-Wiig. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CASE STATUS REPORT**

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by William Starke, to close complaint **01 HAD 002** for no violation. Michael Thelen was the case advisor. Motion carried unanimously.

## **EXAMINATION SCORES**

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by Judith Kulpa, to grant licenses to those candidates who passed the examination. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OTHER BOARD BUSINESS**

A hearing regarding an administrative warning will be scheduled for the next Board meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Michael Thelen moved, seconded by William Starke, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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